

REMARKS

Applicants appreciate the Examiner's allowance of Claims 9-19 and indication of allowability of dependent Claims 2-4, 6-8 and 23-25.

Applicants have the following response to the Examiner's only remaining rejection in the Office Action.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC §102

In the Office Action, the Examiner rejects Claims 1, 5, and 20-22 under 35 USC §102(e) as being anticipated by Osada (US 2004/0119824). This rejection is respectfully traversed.

While Applicants traverse this rejection, in order to advance the prosecution of this application, Applicants are amending independent Claims 1 and 20 to include one or more inverters in the claimed circuit or method, and Claims 5, 21 and 22 to recite NORs in the claimed circuit or method. These features are shown, for example, in Fig. 1B of the present application.

In contrast, Osada does not appear to disclose or suggest the claimed inverter(s) or NORs. Hence, Osada does not appear to disclose or suggest the circuits or methods of independent Claims 1, 5, and 20-22.

Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that Claims 1, 5, and 20-22 are patentable over Osada, and it is requested that this rejection be withdrawn.

Conclusion

It is respectfully submitted that the present application is in a condition for allowance and should be allowed.

If any fee is due for this amendment, please charge our deposit account 50/1039.

Favorable reconsideration is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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